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## GOVERNOR WALKER PROMOTES WATERSHED INITIATIVE DURING NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK

Today, Gov. Walker taught a group of Salt Lake City fourth graders about the benefits of watersheds and agriculture as part of national Agriculture Week.

“Our watersheds are our life sheds,” she told the students. “We have selected watersheds throughout our state, which need cleaning and caring for, and it will take a statewide, team effort to meet the challenge.”

Under the Walker Work Plan the governor has selected 25 segments of key rivers and lakes for water quality improvements. These 25 watersheds cover more than a fifth of the state.

As part of the watershed initiative, elementary school students throughout Utah are being educated about five key questions relating to watersheds: 1. What is a watershed?; 2. Where is my watershed?; 3. How healthy is my watershed?; 4. Where does the water go?; and 5. What can I do?

Walker took part in a hands-on teaching demonstration of how watersheds clean our water. She was joined by Utah Commissioner of Agriculture and Food, Cary G. Peterson; Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources, Bob Morgan and Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, Diane Nielson.

“Watersheds are important to all Utahns because they provide the life-giving supply of water that grows our food and provides for our needs,” Walker said. “We’ve set a lofty goal to take care of these vast areas, but together I know we can meet it.”



Governor Walker participates in a demonstration with Backman Elementary School students showing them the importance of protecting watersheds. The demonstration was part of National Agriculture Week, which was celebrated at the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food. Protecting and enhancing watersheds is one the Governor's Work Plans.

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